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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful and thorough examination of the present application, and the indication of allowable subject matter. By this amendment, Claims 17, 23 and 26 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner. Claims 18 and 24 have been cancelled, and Claims 17, 19-23 and 25-27 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. If, after reviewing this Response, there are any remaining informalities which need to be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited and respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve such informalities.

Respectfully submitted,

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